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#### Patent Claims

1. A device with a unit (10) which is provided so as to activate an especially continuously adjustable drive unit (11) of a motor vehicle (12) dependent upon at least one control signal ( $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha_{\text{virt}}$ ) and at least in one phase (T) to produce a virtual control signal ( $\alpha_{\text{virt}}$ ) and instead to use a real control signal ( $\alpha$ ) for activating the drive unit (11)

characterized by the fact that,

the unit (10) is equipped so as to activate the drive unit (11) at least in a constant driving mode dependent upon the virtual control signal ( $\alpha_{\text{virt}}$ ).

2. A device according to claim 1, characterized by the fact that the unit (10) for determining a constant virtual control signal ( $\alpha_{\text{virt}}$ ) is provided.

3. A device according to claim 1, characterized by the fact that the unit (10) for determining the virtual control signal ( $\alpha_{\text{virt}}$ ) dependent upon a real control signal ( $\alpha$ ) at a switch on point ( $t_2$ ) of the constant driving mode is provided.

4. A device according to claim 31, characterized by the fact that the virtual control signal ( $\alpha_{\text{virt}}$ ) at the switch on point ( $t_2$ ) is equal to the real control signal ( $\alpha$ ).
5. A device according to any of the foregoing claims, characterized by the fact that the unit (10) for switching on and switching off the constant driving mode dependent upon a time course of a real control signal ( $\alpha$ ) is provided.
6. A device according to claim 5 characterized by the fact that the unit (10) is provided as to switch off the constant driving mode when the real control signal ( $\alpha$ ) exits an interval ( $I_\alpha$ ).
7. A device according to any of the foregoing claims, characterized by the fact that the unit (10) is provided to switch off the constant driving mode when the change speed ( $\alpha'$ ) of the real control signal ( $\alpha$ ) leaves an interval ( $I_\alpha$ ).
8. A procedure for activating a device according to any of the foregoing claims.

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## Summary

A device with a unit (10) which is equipped so as to activate an especially continuously adjustable drive unit (11) of a motor vehicle (12) dependent upon at least one control signal ( $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha_{\text{virt}}$ ), and at least in one phase (T) to create a virtual control signal ( $\alpha_{\text{virt}}$ ) and instead to use a real control signal ( $\alpha$ ) for activating the drive unit (11).

It is suggested that the unit (10) be equipped so as to activate the drive unit (11) at least in a constant driving mode dependent upon the virtual control signal ( $\alpha_{\text{virt}}$ ).

(Fig. 1).